

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2, 5, 7-8, 10-13, 16-25, 28, 62-65, 68-72, 75-85 and 89-92 are canceled herein.

New claims 93-100 are added herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 6, 29-31, 73-74, and 93-100 are currently pending.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER OJHA IN VIEW OF GARDNER

The present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to a method comprising (a) dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and (b) providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the executable is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.

Please note that claim 1 is amended to clarify the use of integration preferences. Somewhat similar amendments are made to various other claims. Support for the amendments is found, for example, on page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the present application.

Ojha's e-procurement system describes a process of proposing, receiving and accepting bids between a buyer and a plurality of sellers. Ojha's system provides an electronic commerce solution by which an individual buyer may negotiate online in a traditional and non-bidding manner with one or more sellers. See, for example, column 2, lines 40-43, of Ojha.

More specifically, Ojha discloses a negotiation method between one buyer and one or more sellers on the Internet where an individual buyer may negotiate online in a traditional and non-bidding manner with one or more sellers. A buyer conducts a number of simultaneous negotiations with different sellers for the same product or even multiple products. See, for

example, column 4, lines 28-30, of Ojha. When an agreement is reached on any one of the bids, all other negotiations for the products are automatically terminated. See, for example, column 4, line 39-41, of Ojha.

As indicated above, the present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to dynamically maintaining organizational profiles **containing integration preferences**, where **the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.**

Ojha does not disclose or suggest such use of integration preferences.

Moreover, Gardner does not disclose or suggest the recited use of integration preferences.

The above arguments are specifically directed to claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the arguments would be helpful in understanding various difference of various other claims over Ojha and Gardner.

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New claim 94 recites that **the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction**, and that ***the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.*** See also claims 6, 74, 94, 95 and 98, related to the transmission of data fields. See, for example, and Table III on page 32; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Ojha nor Gardner discloses or suggests such transmission of data fields.

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New claim 96 recites that the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences. See, for example, page 32, lines 3-9; and the first paragraph on page 43 of the present application. None of the references discloses or suggests such features.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

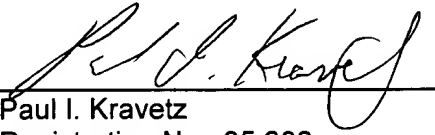
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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